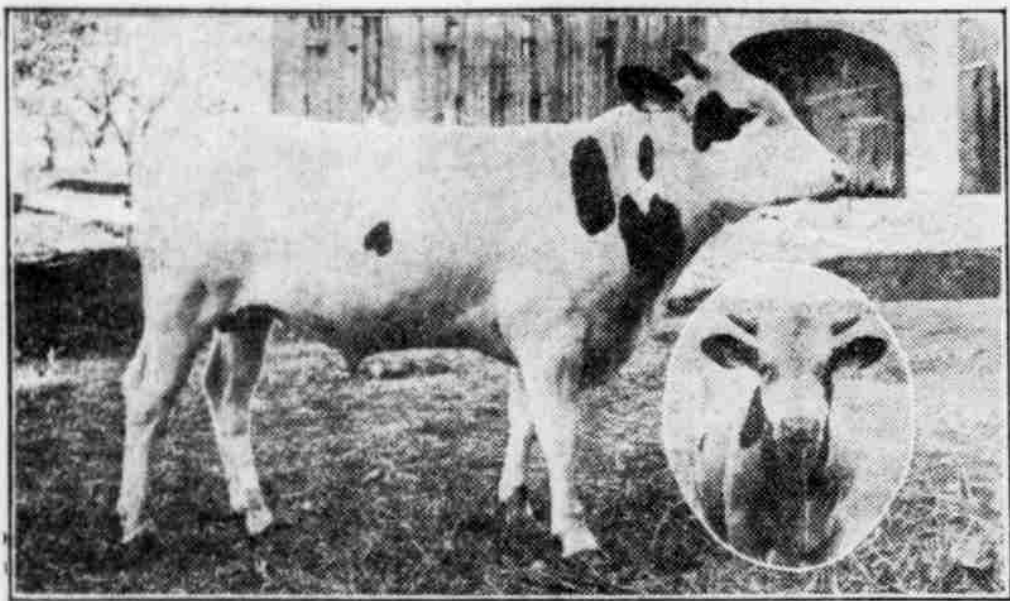


LOCAL MEN PAY \$2000 FOR BULL

The top price paid for any animal at the last sale of Holsteins by the Purebred Live Stock Sales Co. of Brattleboro at its sales pavilion here was \$2,000 for King Fayne Alcartra 191262, a 7-month-old son of King Segis Pontiac Alcartra 79602, the famous \$50,000 sire, jointly owned by John Arfmann of Middletown, N. Y., and the Lawson Holding Corporation, La Grangeville, N. Y. King Fayne Alcartra is a beautiful

King Fayne Alcartra traces three times to Hengerveld De Kol, twice to King Segis and to Pontiac Koradyke, and once to King of the Pontiacs, who together have sired 48 30-lb. daughters. The records of his five nearest dams average, butter, 31.42 lbs.; milk, 570.26 lbs.

King Segis Pontiac has 23 A. R. O. daughters.



KING FAYNE ALCARTRA.

show bull, and is backed in every line by world's record animals. This young sire claims an ancestry second to none and represents the best to be secured in Holsteins. His sire is already far famed and is destined to rank as one of the greatest sires of the world; his dam, K. P. Alcartra, being a remarkable producer, and the best daughter of the great King of the Pontiacs, who has a 44-lb. daughter, a 40-lb. daughter, and 15 others above 30 lbs., as well as over 100 others above 20 lbs.

Edith Fayne De Kol 152356, the dam of King Fayne Alcartra, has a 7-day record made at 312 years of 523.50 lbs. milk and 30.61 lbs. butter, 430 days, 2,495 lbs. milk and 122.16 lbs. butter.

This truly remarkable breeding shows the wonderful results which may safely be looked forward to by the owners of King Fayne Alcartra, who are A. B. Clapp and E. R. Lovell, of Brattleboro, Vt., A. L. Miller of Vernon, Vt., and Dwight R. Miller of Dummerston, Vt.

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS.

Present Methods of Training Need Revising Badly.

We seem to cherish the agreeable hypothesis that all our boys and girls grow up equal, that all are first-class, and all alike fitted for the intense and varied requirements of modern life. On this hypothesis we plan complacently our educational and training systems. The disparity between what we wish for and what we get comes out soon enough but not until the results are past remedying or, if remedial, have already involved great economic loss. The proof of the error in our original hypothesis is furnished by the large numbers of persons who fail hopelessly, by those who waste time and money in changing occupations before they find one suited to them, by those who never find occupations in which they do well enough to be entirely independent. In the state of New York, with a population of nine and one-half millions, there are nearly three hundred thousand persons who are registered every year as unable to take care of themselves, either by reason of physical disability, mental defects, or criminality. For every one whose inefficiency leaves him stranded on state or private charity, there are doubtless three or four who, though practically of no constructive use, have escaped registration. It would, perhaps, not be far out of the way to assume that 10 per cent of the adult male population of this state, are, for some reason or other, and for shorter or longer periods, in a position of approximate if not absolute economic dependence.

The percentage of failures in our colleges is extravagantly large. It is least where the requirements for entrance are high. Seventeen per cent of one class was dropped from the academic department of an eastern university well known for its rigid examinations. In one of the best American schools of technology, not more than forty out of every hundred men entering receive diplomas at the end of four years. A recent review of ten consecutive classes in fourteen American colleges showed as an average result that from twenty per cent to twenty-two per cent of freshmen do not become sophomores and that from sixteen per cent to eighteen per cent of sophomores do not become juniors. From "Looking Youth in the Face," by Pearce Bailey, M. D., in the November Scribner.

GETS FRENCH CAR CONTRACT.

Pullman Company to Build Wooden Cars for Allied Army Use.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—The Pullman company of this city is figuring on a contract with the French government for 30,000 freight cars and is throwing out a dragnet all over the country for steel. It will not get enough steel right away to strain the net very badly. A steelmaker remarks that if he accepted all the orders offered him he could not complete delivery before 1920. In this case the amount of steel required is not great, for the cars are to be wooden and only those parts that are used in the most ordinary cars need be of steel. They will not even have a steel underframe. The railroads of this country have nearly given up the idea of getting steel cars, because that is an almost impossible task if deliveries are to be made within a reasonable time, and are therefore resorting to wood. It is not necessary that these French cars shall be of steel. They are of the simple four-wheel variety. It is therefore assumed that this order is to meet military requirements, and inasmuch as it cannot be filled entirely for some months, one may presume that the French government is looking for no early cessation of the war.

While plowing in his garden I. T. Monroee of North Livermore, Me., turned up an old coin bearing the date of 1770 and the inscription "King Carolinas."

Shafts sunk into a coal field in Germany, which had been burning several years revealed 18 veins of blazing coal.

PUTNEY.

Death of Former Resident.

Mrs. Mary A. Perry, 78, died Monday in the home of her son, George M. Perry in Clinton, Mass., after a few months' illness with hardening of the arteries. She was not confined to the bed, but did not arise as usual Monday morning. She was the widow of Zeas W. Perry, who died here four years ago, after coming here from Dummerston, and buying a home opposite the high schoolhouse. After Mr. Perry's death the home was given up and Mrs. Perry made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Clarke, in Turners Falls and her son, George W. Perry, in Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Perry also lived in Putney in their younger days before going to Dummerston.

The body was brought to Putney and the funeral was held in the Congregational church, Rev. T. J. Poelman, pastor of the church, officiating. The burial took place in the family lot in Mount Pleasant cemetery, the bearers being G. L. Pierce, Harden Bennett, F. A. Burditt and Wayland Ayer.

Many relatives from the surrounding towns and the children and grandchildren were here to attend the funeral.

B. F. Howard and Frank Howard attended the Dairy show at Springfield, Mass., last week.

There will be a service in the West Hill schoolhouse Sunday at 3 p. m. in charge of Rev. R. B. Davis.

The women of the Baptist church served a chicken supper Wednesday evening. It was well attended.

Miss Ruth Bridgman, primary teacher in the public schools in Winchendon, Mass., spent Sunday in the home of her grandfather, John F. Clarke.

Ralph, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Austin, who has been seriously ill and under the care of a nurse, is improving. The nurse left Wednesday.

Edward Glynn of Springfield spent Sunday with his wife, who has been ill, but is gaining slowly at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ketchum.

Mrs. Naomi Darden moved Saturday to the house recently purchased by B. K. Wright of Quebec, vacated by John N. Underwood. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will not come to occupy their home until spring.

George Marlboro, who is employed by S. L. Davis, merchant, has moved into the upstairs tenement in John N. Underwood's house, his goods coming from Saxtons River. Mrs. Marlboro began work Monday for the W. A. Cole Paper Co.

Mrs. Helen P. Cooke returned home Monday from a week's stay with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Wornwood, and family. She enjoyed an automobile ride to Willoughby lake and called on friends in St. Johnsbury.

An evening of merriment awaits all who attend the Halloween box social in the vestry of the Baptist church Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, at 8. There will be Halloween stunts and games. An evening of merriment and wholesome enjoyment for young and old. Everyone is invited to be present.

Prof. J. E. Russell came from Williams-town and Mrs. Russell returned from her visit with an aunt in Polo, Ill., and remained a few days, closing the house for the winter and returning to Williamstown Monday. Miss Marion Russell, who accompanied her mother west, remained there for a longer visit.

The annual chicken-pie supper of the Ladies' aid society of the Baptist church Wednesday evening was a success, the supper served being of the usual high order and well patronized. About 125 partook of the supper, including several automobile parties from Brattleboro.

Marion Dyer, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. F. Dyer, celebrated her fifth birthday anniversary at her home Saturday afternoon with five invited guests. A birthday cake and refreshments were important parts of the celebration. She also received remembrances from her little friends.

Bugbee & Applin, who have raised potatoes extensively on their Kerr farm, have sold them in the field for a good

price for seed potatoes. These are the White Bethel, a potato which last year showed the best crop in this locality. It is estimated that the yield from 12 acres will be about 180 bushels.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Safford will leave the last of this week for their home in Washington, D. C., after having spent the summer with their sons, Stanley and Howard Safford, at Green Mountain Orchard farm on West hill. Mr. and Mrs. Safford have spent several summers here and have made many friends in town.

Harlan Whitney, who has worked for his brother, George Whitney, and occupied the small home on the farm, will move to the village and occupy the house recently vacated by Walter Smith, owned by the William Robertson's Sons. He will be employed in the Robinson paper mill as machine tender, thus returning to his old position after several years at the farm.

James Lahey, who has been stationed at Nogales, Arizona, with the 2d Connecticut regiment, has written his mother, Mrs. E. E. Blood, that he is on his way home. The card was from Fort Smith, Kansas, but they were parading in the larger places en route, so would not make a fast journey. They will come to Niantic, where they will be mustered out.

Ghosts, goblins, witches, elves and fairies will hold high carnival at the West Hill schoolhouse Halloween night, Oct. 31. All are invited to test their faith and learn their future. There will be Halloween stunts, riddles, jokes and games. Box lunches will be auctioned off during the evening, the purchasers having the privilege of eating with the fairies who prepare them. A good time and a hearty welcome is assured all.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold its annual sale in

the vestry Nov. 7. The sale will open at 9 a. m., and continue through the evening. Bedquits, aprons, fancy articles, canned fruit, vegetables, pickles and relishes, food of various kinds, candy, popcorn balls and ice cream will be on sale. No meals will be served in connection with the sale as has been the custom heretofore. From 7.30 p. m. to 9.30 p. m. a social evening will be spent, followed by an auction of the goods remaining unsold. Everyone is invited to attend during the day and evening.

First Baptist church, R. B. Davis pastor. At 10.45 a. m. the church, in common with other Baptist churches, will observe Five-year Program day. The pastor will explain the five-year program, showing its relation to the denomination and to the local church; 12 m. Bible school. Cuba is the subject for the talk in the mission tour; 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor service. The Rewards of Religion. The Bible study and teacher training class will meet at the home of Mrs. C. B. Goodrich Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7.30 p. m. The class is now thoroughly organized with 12 members and Rev. R. B. Davis as teacher. At this meeting the new text books will be given out.

WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. Della Reed of Worcester, Mass., is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. H. Walker.

Mrs. Brockington, who spent a few days at Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Walker's, returned to Brattleboro Wednesday.

On Oct. 28, in the church, W. B. Hillegas, commissioner of education of Montpelier, will give a lecture on Montpelier Schools.

It will be of interest to many who, by taking a backward look to remember little Fay Matterson, who was the youngest child at the girls' home in

1890. Miss Matterson is now in Seattle, Wash., and in a recent letter speaks in endearing terms of the home and the matron, Mrs. Jessie Starkey, who presided at that time.

It is but just to say that E. L. Walker, fire insurance agent at Bellows Falls, stated the day of the Fenn fire that he never saw a fire so well handled in a small village where the facilities for extinguishing fire were so inadequate. The men displayed the best of judgment, and soon had the fire, which seemed unmanageable when the first help arrived, under control.

*ATHENS.

Miss Edith Kidder spent the week-end at her home in Wardsboro.

W. A. Marvin of Bellows Falls was at his farm one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Torrey of Cambridgeport were in town Sunday.

Miss Etta Thomas, who is teaching in Wardsboro, visited in town Sunday.

H. L. Carr returned Saturday from a week's stay in Springfield, Mass., where he visited relatives and attended the Eastern States exposition and National Dairy show.

Mr. and Mrs. Nial Bemis entertained an automobile party from Newfield, Me., Sunday, including Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Whitehouse, who are cousins of Mrs. Bemis and Everett Goodwin.

In the Southern Pacific a large undersea desert was practically discovered. Over its whole area not a vestige of plant or animal life could be found.

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